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Thursday, September 2, 2021.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Prayer.

At the request of Mrs. Campbell of Methuen, the members and employees stood in a moment of silent prayer in respect to the memory of Madeline Varitimos, 82, of Methuen, who passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 24, 2021.

Madeline
Varitimos.

Madeline was President and CEO of Hi-Ridge Manufacturing. She worked for many years for the Methuen Public School Department, and retired from working life as Executive Assistant for the city of Methuen. Madeline also cherished her role as business partner in Madeline & Pollard, a clothing boutique in Andover.

Much of Madeline's personal and professional life was dedicated to community activism and service. She took great joy in helping others, dedicating herself to improving her adopted hometown of Methuen.

Madeline turned her passion for historic preservation into a role as a founding member of the Tenney Preservation Association (now the Methuen Historical Society), whose slogan was "Tenney for the Town!" It was thanks to her tireless advocacy, organization, and work in the early 1980s to mobilize residents and government to save the former Tenney Estate (now Grey Court Park and the Tenney Gatehouse) that these beloved treasures are still here for us to enjoy today.

Madeline served on the city of Methuen's Historic District Commission, Conservation Commission, and Edwin J. Castle Fund, and was most recently Chairwoman of the Board of Registrars. She was also a member of the Friends of the Nevins Library and a longtime supporter and volunteer at the Methuen Festival of Trees. As well, Madeline gave her time to the Board of the Stephen Barker PTO.

Faith was central to Madeline's life. After converting to Greek Orthodoxy in 1968, she became President of the Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church Sunday School program, where she also volunteered as a teacher.

Nothing held a larger place in Madeline's life than her family and friends. She was a huge proponent of the "big tent" approach to life—the more people, the better. She will be so fondly remembered by her community as such a kind and generous soul.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) recognizing Hank T. Staake for his twenty-three years of service to the town of Bolton;

Hank Staake.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the Maynard Knights of Columbus Council 2121;

Maynard,—
K of C.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peake of Provincetown) congratulating Michael Gradone III on his retirement as Superintendent of Truro Central School;

Michael
Gradone.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Peake of Provincetown, Diggs of Barnstable, Fernandes of Falmouth, Vieira of Falmouth, Whelan of Brewster, and Xiarhos of Barnstable) congratulating Wendy Northcross of the occasion of her retirement as Chief Executive Officer of the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce;

Wendy
Northcross.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Gordon of Bedford) recognizing the town of Burlington for its commemoration of the attacks of September 11, 2001 on their twentieth anniversary;

Burlington,—
911
commemoration.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) on the occasion of the dedication of the Bellofatto Family Square in the town of Natick;

Bellofatto
Square.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Parisella of Beverly) congratulating the Beverly Legion Baseball Team on the occasion of its appearance at the American Legion World Series; and

Beverly Legion
Baseball Team.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rogers of Norwood and other members of the House) commending the American Telemedicine Association for their recognition of September nineteenth to twenty-fifth, 2021 as Telehealth Awareness Week;

Telehealth
awareness
week.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Tucker of Salem, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petition.

Representative Pignatelli of Lenox and Senator Hinds presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4097) of Smitty Pignatelli and Adam G. Hinds (by vote of the town) that the town of West Stockbridge be authorized to continue the employment of Steven Traver as chief of the fire department of said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

West
Stockbridge,—
Steven
Traver.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Dylan A. Fernandes for legislation to establish a blue communities program to incentivize local action to reduce nutrient pollution and ocean acidification. To the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Pollution and
ocean
acidification.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Mathew J. Muratore and Susan L. Moran for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Tanya Hackett, an employee of the Department of Children and Families. To the committee on Public Service.

Tanya Hackett,—
sick leave.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Tucker of Salem, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds for transportation improvements to be issued by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 3972), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Transportation
bond,—
terms.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported recommending that the matter be scheduled for consideration of the House.

Under suspension of said rule, on motion of Mr. Tucker of Salem, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill establishing a federal transit funding maximization fund (House, No. 3565).

Federal transit
fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3564 and 3597, a Bill relative to license plate readers (House, No. 3597).

License plate
readers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish an office of maritime planning and policy development (House, No. 3599).

Maritime
planning.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3547, a Bill to establish free access to ride to elections in Massachusetts (FARE) (House, No. 4095).

Elections,—
ride access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3611, a Bill regarding audit performance and functions at the Department of Transportation [sic] (House, No. 4096).

MassDOT,—
audit.

Severally read; and referred under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Amending the charter of the city of Amesbury to increase the term of the mayor to 4 years (see Senate, No. 2449); and

Bills
enacted.

Amending the charter of the city of Amesbury relative to the position of school committee chair (see Senate, No. 2450);

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to certain affordable housing owned and operated by the Ipswich Housing Authority (House, No. 3809) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly

Third
reading
bill.

drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twenty-three minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.